

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-21 are pending in the present application. In an Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17, and 19-21.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to the Specification, alleging that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicant previously amended the title of the invention to DOOR AND FRAME FOR AIR HANDLING UNIT WITH GASKET WITH ANTI-ROLL EXTENSIONS.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the allegedly admitted prior art in figure 1.

A single prior art reference anticipates a claimed invention only if it discloses each and every claim element.

As currently amended, claim 21 does not disclose:

A door and frame in combination with an air handling unit, the combination comprising...wherein the door and frame can withstand a pressure differential greater than six inches of air pressure.

Claim 21 is therefore allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over allegedly admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

For a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to be proper, both references when combined must disclose every element and limitation of the claim to which the references are applied. As to amended claim 1, the cited references do not teach:

a door and frame in combination with an air handling
unit ...wherein the door and frame can withstand a
pressure differential greater than six inches of air
pressure.

Accordingly, a rejection as obvious under § 103(a) is inapposite. Claim 1 is therefore allowable.

Claims 2-4 and 8 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and are also allowable.

Claims 9-11 are allowable for the reasons given above in regard to claim 1.

Claim 15 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and is also allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over allegedly admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Colliander.

Claim 5 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and is also allowable.

Claim 12 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and is also allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over allegedly admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Jansen.. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

Claims 6 and 7 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and are also allowable.

Claims 13 and 14 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and are also allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over allegedly admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Colliander and Jansen. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

Claim 16 is allowable for the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 17, 19, and 20 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 16 and are also allowable.

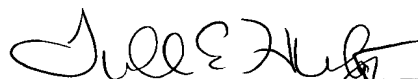
In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's remarks, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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